

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 80-50

AMENDING NPDES PERMIT FOR
UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION
PITTSBURG PLANT
PITTSBURG, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter called the Board), finds that:

1. The Board issued NPDES Permit No. CA0005002 to United States Steel Corporation (hereinafter called the discharger) by adopting Order No. 79-170 on December 18, 1979.
2. The Board adopted an expiration date of September 30, 1980 for that Permit to facilitate revision to conform with anticipated revision of federal effluent limitations for iron and steel manufacturing. It is appropriate to extend the expiration date of this Permit because the expected revision of effluent limitations has not yet been promulgated. The Permit as adopted provides for amending it in the event of changes in federal regulations.
3. On May 19, 1980, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated regulations requiring that Permits issued to a discharger in a primary industry category shall not be written to expire after June 30, 1981, unless information required by other regulations promulgated on May 19, 1980 shall first have been filed. Such information has not been filed, and timely filing was infeasible in view of the short time between adoption of that rule and the expiration date of the Permit.
4. The discharger has filed a letter stating that the discharge has not changed substantially since filing of their previous NPDES permit applications.
5. This project involve the continued operation of privately-owned facilities with negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. Consequently, this project will not have a significant effect upon the environment, based upon the exemption provided in Section 15101, Title 14, California Administrative Code.
6. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to amend waste discharge requirements for these dischargers, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

7. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharges.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and the Federal Clean Water Act and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder that:

- A. The NPDES permit as contained in the Order cited in Finding 1 of this Order is hereby amended to change its expiration date to June 30, 1981.
- B. This Order shall serve to amend the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit described above pursuant to Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or amendments thereto, and shall take effect at the end of ten days from the date of hearing, provided the Regional Administrator has no objection.
- C. This Order expires on January 27, 1981, and the discharger must file a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with Title 23, California Administrative Code, not later than 180 days in advance of such date as application for issuance of new waste discharge requirements.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on October 6, 1980.

FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer